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Program Title:

Children's Storytelling Concert with Leeny Del Seamonds

Program Type:

Arts Appreciation

Program Description:

Saturday, May 20 • 10:30 a.m.

“Vive el cuento” (live the story) with Leeny’s uplifting blend of music and bilingual tales for little ones.

With a face and voice that launched a thousand characters, Leeny Del Seamonds is an internationally acclaimed performer, coach and multi award-winning recording artist. From a prized television show to a village in Gengcun, China to the Comix Club in NYC to the Cayman Islands International Storytelling Festival, Del Seamonds encourages listeners to rejoice in human and cultural diversity and invites them to share in her Cuban-American sense of humor and joy of performing.

She is the recipient of the NSN ORACLE Circle of Excellence award.

“Internationally acclaimed Leeny Del Seamonds is a natural entertainer whose multicultural stories and songs reflect her love of people.” – The Boston Globe

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Program Title:

Literacy and Storytelling Workshop with Donna Washington

Program Type:

Arts Appreciation

Program Description:

Saturday, September 9 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This workshop is provided free to teachers through the generosity of the Niswonger Foundation and the East Tennessee Foundation.

Literacy and Storytelling

This session is about boosting literacy and spoken language, which are inextricably linked. Donna will explain how the brain processes stories before modeling different stories, games, activities, and techniques that can be adapted in a variety of settings. An educator, author, and storyteller who has led this workshop around the world, Donna is also known as a children's book author who has received several Parents' Choice awards and more than two dozen national awards for storytelling.

This workshop is geared toward K-5 teachers.

For reservations or more information call (800) 952-8392 or (423) 913-1276.

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Program Title:

School Day at the 2017 National Storytelling Festival

Program Type:

Arts Appreciation

Program Description:

Friday, October 6, 2017 is School Day at the 45th National Storytelling Festival! School Day tickets for grades 3–12 are valid for entry into any Festival venue for Friday from 10 am – 5 pm.

There will be 5 hours of storytelling in circus-like tents with many different tellers. A 30 minute break will be given between each 60 minute storytelling session.

Storytelling gives the student a live experience with many different professional storytellers from a variety of cultures who engage the student to participate in the stories.

A real performance of storytelling can make the story come alive for a student. It is a very different experience than watching a storyteller on video or just reading a story. It can help a student engage in the story, increase comprehension, and show a student different art forms and techniques such as mime, the use of sound effects to enhance the story, music used as part of storytelling, theatre, etc.

The educational goals for a day at the Festival will teach valuable life lessons, increase listening and communication skills, show how the written word can be used in speaking, help the student learn about different cultures and enhance the learning of language patterns and new vocabulary.

Students should be able to compare and contrast different stories and different styles of storytelling.

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